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| Katsumi SHIBAYAMA et al. |) | Confirmation No.: 8343 |
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| Application No.: 10/550,682 |) | Group Art Unit: 2812 |
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| Filed: July 31, 2006 |) | Examiner: Reema Patel |
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| For: PHOTODIODE ARRAY AND |) | |
| PRODUCTION METHOD |) | |
| THEREOF, AND |) | |
| RADIATION DETECTOR |) | |

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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. Applicants are filing concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 for the above-identified application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

A Chinese Office Action dated August 7, 2009 that issued in a Chinese patent application and having documents cited therein is attached for the Examiner's consideration. The cited document is listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and a copy of the cited non-U.S. patent document is also attached hereto.

While the Chinese Office Action dated August 7, 2009 additionally cites to U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0034496, this document is not listed on the attached PTO Form 1449

because it was previously cited by the Examiner in the Non-Final Office Action issued on June 1, 2007 in the instant application.

While the Chinese Office Action dated August 7, 2009 additionally cites to a Japanese Patent Application No. 5-121711, this document is not listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 because it was previously cited in an IDS dated July 31, 2006 in the instant application.

As for relevance of the foreign language document, an English-language abstract and machine translation of the foreign document is attached hereto for the foreign language document.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed document is material or constitutes "Prior Art." If it should be determined that the listed document does not constitute "Prior Art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed document, should the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required and

including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.

50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR**

EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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